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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEL'S MEETING WITH

SENEGAL'S PRIME MINISTER: SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. DURING JULY 16 CALL BY ASST SECY SCHAUFEL ON GAS  
PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, LATTER INQUIRED IF RESULTS OF  
SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAD  
BEEN GOOD. ASST SECY SCHAUFEL REPLIED THAT RESULTS WERE  
NOT YET IN. THEY HAD HAD FRANK DISCUSSION OF ALL ASPECTS OF  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION WITHOUT REACHING CONCLUSIONS.  
BOTH SIDES HAD EXPLAINED THEIR POINTS OF VIEW. POSSIBLE  
SOLUTIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND SIDES HAD RETIRED TO REFLECT  
ON DISCUSSIONS AND FOR US TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH  
AFRICAN LEADERS AS WE HAD PROMISED WE WOULD. A PROCESS  
HAD BEEN SET IN MOTION, WHICH US HOPED WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO  
EQUITABLE SOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. HE ANTICIPATED  
THAT WE WOULD PURSUE OUR CONSULTATION.

2. PRIME MINISTER ASKED IF WHITE LIBERALS COULD PLAY ROLE  
IN SOLUTION TO SOUTH AFRICA PROBLEM. SCHAUFEL REPLIED  
THAT WHILE LIBERALS COULD EXERT SOME PRESSURE, VORSTER ALSO  
HAD HIS OWN STRONG RIGHT WING TO CONTEND WITH, CREATING  
DIFFICULT DOMESTIC SITUATION, NOT UNLIKE THAT OF OTHER  
COUNTRIES.

3. PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT SOLUTION IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA WILL REQUIRE GREAT IMAGINATION AND REALISM. SCHAUFEL  
SUGGESTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM ITSELF MIGHT REQUIRE  
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ANOTHER GENERATION TO RESOLVE, AS PRESIDENT SEGHOR HAD

SUGGESTED. PROBLME RAISED BY 260,000 WHITES IN RHODESIA WAS OF ENTIRELY DIFFERENT ORDER FROM THAT PRESENTED BY FOUR MILLION WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA. SOUTH AFRICA MUST COME TO SEE ITSELF AS AFRICAN CONTRY AND ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THAT ROLE, SINCE ITS CITIZENS CANNOT RETURN HOME IN SAME FASHION AS PROTUGUESE FROM AFRICA, FRECH FROM ALGERIA AND PERHAPS EVENRHODESAIN WHITES.

4. PRIME MINISTER ASKED IF WE FORESAW BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS.. ASST SECY RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW; WE SUPPORTED CALLAGHAN PLAN, IN WHICH WE SEE CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY. THAT TIMETABLE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BUT, WHILE PAST POSITIONS MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE IN THEMSELVES, IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS ONE SHOULD NOT BE PRISONER OF PAST SLOGANS. SCHAUFEELE SIAD WE TOOK POSITON THAT IT WAS RELAISTIC THAT SWAPO MUST PARTICIPATE IN SEARCH FOR SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA, BUT THAT WAS NO REASON NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY BENEFITS WHICH MIGHT COME OUT OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERNECE IN WINDHOEK FROM WHICH SWAPO HAD SO FAR BEEN EXCLUDED.  
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